



## News Release

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### **Music for All National Festival Brings Indianapolis Alive with the Nation's Finest Young Music-Makers**

MARCH 14-17, 2007 - Performance halls across Indianapolis will be alive with the sound of music as young musicians from more than 25 states will converge on Indianapolis March 14-17 for the Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha. The Festival is comprised of the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Bands of America National Concert Band Festival, National Percussion Festival and the Orchestra America National Festival, as well as concerts by the Honor Band of America, the Honor Orchestra of America and the new Jazz Band of America. Festival concerts will be held in Hilbert Circle Theatre, Clowes Memorial Hall, the Indiana Historical Society and Lawrence Central High School's Performing Arts Center.

This year's festival features several "firsts" including the debut of the honor Jazz Band of America, opening for the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, the Honor Orchestra of America sharing the concert stage with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and violinist Pinchas Zukerman, a fourth performance stage of concerts and a new name: "Music for All National Festival," encompassing all four days of festival concerts and events.

The National Concert Band Festival will feature 22 outstanding high school concert bands from Oregon, Louisiana, Illinois, New York, Georgia, Texas, California, Arizona, Florida, Kentucky and Virginia. Seventeen of the bands will perform Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 15-17 at Clowes Memorial Hall at Butler University, with five concert bands performing Saturday morning at Lawrence Central High School. For the first time in the event's history, two middle school bands having been invited, from Texas and Georgia, performing at Clowes. The National Concert Band Festival carries on the tradition of the famous National Band Contest of the 1920's and '30's. Legendary, late band director Dr. William D. Revelli led the Hobart (IN) High School Band to five National Band Contest championships until the contest was suspended during the Great Depression. Dr. Revelli was instrumental in the creation of the Bands of America National Concert Band Festival, which debuted in 1992 in Chicago and moved to Indianapolis in 1996.

Six exemplary high school orchestras from Georgia, Nevada, Arizona and the Perry Meridian High School Chamber Orchestra from Indianapolis, will perform Thursday and Saturday at Hilbert Circle Theatre. The Orchestra America National Festival is presented in cooperation with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. Orchestra Festival daytime concerts are free and open to the public.

The National Percussion Festival features eight high school concert percussion ensembles, in exhilarating performances at the Indiana Historical Society on Friday, March 16. Percussion ensemble performances are free and open to the public.

Ensembles in the Music for All National Festival were invited to perform following a taped audition process. The festivals are non-competitive events, with ensembles performing for a knowledgeable

audience, receiving input and clinics from a panel of leading music educators and student members participating in Master Classes with professional musicians and other special events.

Three national student honors ensembles will perform as part of the Festival. The **Honor Orchestra of America** will perform two shared concerts with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra as part of their Classical Subscription Series, Friday and Saturday evenings, March 16-17 at Hilbert Circle Theatre. There is a special 7 p.m. start time for these concerts. Larry J. Livingston, Music Director, Thornton Orchestras and Professor of Conducting at the University of Southern California, will conduct the Honor Orchestra. Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Music Director, Mario Venzago, will also serve as a guest conductor with the group. Pinchas Zukerman, violin, will perform on a concert program that includes Giuseppe Verdi's *Overture to Nabucco*, Edward Elgar's *Nimrod* from *Enigma Variations*, Antonin Dvorák's *Romance for Violin & Orchestra* and Dmitri Shostakovich's *Symphony No. 5* (Mvt. IV) as well as performing the Bruch Violin Concerto on the second half of the concert with the ISO. Tickets are available at [Indianapolisymphony.org](http://Indianapolisymphony.org) or the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office.

The **Honor Band of America** features nearly 100 of the finest young wind and percussion players in the nation. They appear in concert, Saturday evening, March 17, 8 p.m. at Clowes Memorial Hall. James F. Keene, Director of Bands at the University of Illinois will conduct a program that includes *Symphony No. 2* by Ticheli, *Quintessence* by Gillingham, *Irish Tune from County Derry* by Grainger, *Shepherd's Hey* by Grainger and *Invincible Eagle* by Sousa. The concert will also feature members of the brass faculty from the University of Illinois.

A new honors ensemble debuts this year as the **Jazz Band of America** opens for the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, Friday evening, March 16, 8 p.m. at Clowes Memorial Hall. Jazz at Lincoln Center music director and trumpet legend Marsalis will solo on a piece with the Jazz Band of America, comprised of some of the finest high school jazz musicians in the country.

Members of the Honor Orchestra and Jazz Band of America will meet for the first time Tuesday evening, March 13, Honor Band members come together Wednesday, March 14, for three days of rehearsals before their respective performances. Members were selected by taped audition in fall 2006.

"The events of the Music for All National Festival shine a spotlight on the core of our nation's school music programs," says Scott McCormick, Music for All President and CEO. "These festivals bring school music's focus to Indianapolis as a destination and true celebration of the finest educational performance opportunities in America."

Reserved seat tickets for the **Honor Band of America Concert** are \$27.00, \$21.00, and \$15.00. **Honor Jazz Band of America** with **Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra** will be Friday, March 16 at Clowes Hall, 8pm. Tickets are \$50.00, and \$40.00. Tickets may be purchased at the Clowes Box Office, through Ticketmaster by phone at 317-239-1000, at any Ticketmaster Ticket Outlet, or from the Music for All web site at [www.bands.org](http://www.bands.org). One Day Concert Block tickets for the National Concert Band Festival are \$15.00 for Adults and \$10.00 for students and seniors. Three-Day Concert Block tickets are \$35.00 for Adults. Student and senior group discount tickets are also available for groups of 10 or more. Admission to the Orchestra America National Festival and the National Percussion Festival is free. Contact Music for All at 317-636-2263 for more information.

Music for All, Inc. is one of the largest and most influential national music education organizations in support of active music making. Music for All's mission is to create, provide, and expand "positively life-changing experiences" through music for all. More than 270,000 teens, family members and enthusiasts attend Music for All, national and regional events each year, which include the Bands of America Grand National Championships in the RCA Dome in November. Millions worldwide access Music for All through the organization's award-winning national newsletters, Web site ([www.musicforall.org](http://www.musicforall.org)), video productions, and other print materials.

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## 2007 Music for All National Festival presented by Yamaha

**March 14-17, Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Clowes Memorial Hall, Hilbert Circle Theatre, Indiana Historical Society, and Lawrence Central High School**

### Invited Concert Bands

<i><b>Program</b></i>	<i><b>Location</b></i>	<i><b>Director(s)</b></i>
Carlton J. Kell H.S. Wind Ensemble	Marietta, GA	David McGrath
Dobson H.S. Symphonic Band	Mesa, AZ	Jon Gomez
Harlingen H.S. Honors Band	Harlingen, TX	Ronnie Rios
John Hersey H.S. Symphonic Band	Arlington Hts., IL	Scott Casagrande
Lafayette H.S. Symphonic Band	Lafayette, LA	Scotty Walker
Libertyville H.S. Symphonic Band	Libertyville, IL	Don Shupe
Liverpool H.S. Symphonic Band	Liverpool, NY	James Spadafore
Macomb Senior H.S. Wind Symphony	Macomb, IL	David Wetmore
McEachern H.S. Wind Ensemble	Powder Springs, GA	Sonny Petway
North Hardin H.S. Wind Symphony	Radcliff, KY	Brian Froedge
Sebastian River H.S. Wind Symphony	Sebastian, FL	Eric Allen
South Lakes H.S. Wind Ensemble	Reston, VA	Grayson Fore
Stony Point H.S. Wind Ensemble	Round Rock, TX	Brian Sedatole
Waubonsie Valley H.S. Wind Ensemble	Aurora, IL	Matt Temple
West Salem H.S. Wind Ensemble	Salem, OR	Ike Nail & Brian Griffiths
Wheeling H.S. Wind Symphony	Wheeling, IL	Brian Logan
William S. Hart H.S. Wind Ensemble	Newhall, CA	Anthony Bailey

### Invited Middle School Concert Bands

<i><b>Program</b></i>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Director(s)</b>
Rising Starr Middle School Symphonic Band	Fayetteville, GA	Steven Tyndall
Bailey Middle School Concert Band	Austin, TX	Diane Gorzycki

### Invited Percussion Ensembles

<i><b>Program</b></i>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Director(s)</b>
Alan C. Pope H.S. Percussion Ensemble	Marietta, GA	Paula Williams
Gaither H.S. Percussion Ensemble	Tampa, FL	Brian Dell
Lafayette H.S. Concert Percussion Ensemble	Lafayette, LA	Danny Devillier
Mt. Lebanon H.S. Concert Percussion Ensemble	Pittsburgh, PA	Richard Minnotte
Waubonsie Valley H.S. Percussion Ensemble	Aurora, IL	Christopher Dandele
West H.S. Percussion Ensemble	Sioux City, IA	Keith Weigandt
Westfield H.S. Percussion Ensemble	Chantilly, VA	John Kilkenny
Youth Performing Arts School Percussion Ensemble	Louisville, KY	Todd Parker

### Invited Orchestras

<i><b>Program</b></i>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Director(s)</b>
Dobson H.S. Symphony	Mesa, AZ	Robert Nichols
Harrison H.S. Chamber Orchestra	Kennesaw, GA	Steven Parkman
Harrison H.S. Concert Orchestra	Kennesaw, GA	Steven Parkman
Las Vegas Academy Philharmonic	Las Vegas, NV	Karl Reinarz & Eric McAllister
Las Vegas Academy Symphony Strings	Las Vegas, NV	Karl Reinarz
Perry Meridian H.S. Chamber Orchestra	Indianapolis, IN	Syndy Ortwein

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